

*A Testimony of the appearance of God, in the spirit of Power, and the true Light, making manifest the deceipts of the Serpent: with some Reasons why Margaret Hambleton doth deny the Presbyterians of Scotland, they being found in the steps of the False Prophets.*

**T**He living God, who is the searcher of all hearts, who Jer. 17. 10. dwells in Light, who is pure for ever, and loves truth and equity, and cannot behold, but hates iniquity: Deut. 32. 6. whose Kingdom stands in Righteousnesse, who is the P al. 11. 7. same to day, and doth not alter, nor change: He the same li- Rom. 14. 17. ving and true God, who at sundry times, & in divers man- Malicah 3. 6. ners in times past, speak to the Fathers by his servants the Heb. 1. 1,2. Prophets; and afterwards did speak by his Son, is now ap- pearing, according to his Promise, in the power of his Spi- Joel 2. 28, 29. rit, manifesting his power in destroying sin, and wickednes; 1 John 3. 8. and gathering unto himself a Holy, and a peculiar people, Tit. 2. 14. in whom, and by whom he will be glorified: and he will Iay 54. 13. teach his people himself freely by his Spirit, and they shall Ezek. 34. no more be made a prey upon by the false Shepherds; nor 10, &c. spend their money for that which is not bread; neither then Iay 55. 1,2. labour for that which doth not satisfie: But freely shall they drink at the living Fountain, where true refreshment and satisfaction is, to the hungry thirsting souls. The same truth, 1 John 1. 1. the same power and word of Life as ever was, is manifested, and made known in the hearts of the Lords Children and John 4. 23,24. Servants, which hath separated them from ungodliness, and Tit. 2. 11, 12. worldly lusts, and redeemed them from the bondage and servitude of sin, no more to serve and follow wicked lusts, Luke 1. 74, 5. and worldly delights, and vain sports and pleasures: but in truth and uprightnes of heart and mind to serve the living God in the new life of Righteousness, and to worship him Heb. 4. 12. in spirit, and in truth in his holy Temple, not made with 1 Cor. 3. 16,17.

Acts 13. 24. mens hands: And this work and power of God is strange to the world, and wonderful, (as ever the working of God were) and many mouthes are opened wide to speak evil of the way of God, and of his truth, and of his faithful servants, who live in the life of truth, and the enemy of mans Soul, the old serpent who was a lyar, and a deceiver even from the beginning. He is full of wrath, and is stirring up his instruments in whom he rules, to make war against the lamb, and his followers, that he may uphold his kingdom of sin and unrighteousnesse, and keep people under his dominion and power of darknesse, to act sin, and serve him by obeying wickednesse, and ungodly lusts, and therefore he uses all meanes to keep them in his work; and speaks evill of the work of God, and his faithfull servants, crying out of error, heresy, and delusion, and casting out their names as evill; but this is no new, nor strang thing, to those who are acquainted with the workings of God, and who know the wiles, and subtily of the serpent, who in all ages hath opposed the appearance of God, and persecuted his life and power, manifested in his righteous Servants, as the Scriptures make mention.

Gal. 4. 29. The Prophets of God, in the day of their Prophesy, were Mar. 23. 29, hated & persecuted (by these professing people, who had the 30. &c. form of Moses words) and many of them were killed. Christ Jesus the Son of God (whom Moses wrote of, and the Prophets prophesied of) in his dayes were hated and persecuted, under the name of a blasphemer; and this by a strict professing people, and cheif priests and rulers; these, and such as made a fair shew in words, were found in rage and enmity, and persecuted and crucified Christ the life. Likewise the Apostles, and true Ministers of the Gospel in the dayes of their Ministrition they were hated, and persecuted, under the name of deceivers, pestilent fellowes, and movers of Sedition, and such like.

John 10. 31, 33. And all along, even to this day and age, the true witnesses of God have suffered persecution, yea and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution; for saith Christ, John 15. 19, 20. if ye were of the world, the world would love his own, but because ye are not of this world, but I have chosen you out

2 Tim. 3. 12.

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of the world, therefore the world hateth you. The servant  
 is not greater than the Lord : if they have persecuted me,  
 they will also persecute you, and they shall put you out of John 16. 8.  
 the Synagogue, ye the time cometh, that whosoever killeth  
 you will think that he doth God service: And ye shall be ha-  
 ted of all men for my names sake. These Scriptures are fulfil- Mat. 24. 9.  
 led in these dayes, by this sinful generation of Teachers, and  
 people who have long bin professors of truth in words, but Tit. 1. 16.  
 have denied truth by their wicked lives, and deceitful  
 works, and now are made manifest by the true Light, even  
 by their fruits, and wicked rage and envy against the inno- Mat. 7. 20.  
 cent, casting out their names as evill; and incensing the  
 people against the Lords Lambs ; as it was of late manifest-  
 ed by two parish Masters in the west of Scotland, to wit, one  
 called *Lewes Simorell*, and one *Hugh Archbull*, who excom-  
 umnicated (as they say) one whose eyes the Lord hath open-  
 ed to see their deceits, and hath turned her face towards Acts 20. 13.  
*Sion* to walk in the light, whose name according to the flesh  
 is *Margaret Hambleton*. Whom the said two parish Masters  
 did so incense their hearers against, (as that generation  
 of murdering Priest did formerly against the Lord Jesus and  
 his disciples) as though she was not fit to live amongst them,  
 but nothing of fact or evil done, was proved against her. But  
 their reasons are, as I understand. 1. Because she denied the  
 power of the Presbytery. Secondly, Because she denied their  
 Ordinances. And Thirdly, Because she would not forsake  
 the company of Seducers and Hereticks as they call them.  
 Now to all ye people within the Parish of *Monkland*, these  
 things I write unto you, to give you an understanding of  
 what we own, and what we deny, that you may not be led  
 away with blind guides, and envious men, to speak evill of Jude 10.  
 those things you know not, and so bring your selves under  
 the curse, with those who persecute the Lords innocent  
 Servants. Your Teachers do cry much against false pro-  
 phets and seducers, but do they ever shew you the marks of  
 the false Teachers. Some Scriptures I shall set before you,  
 whereby you may try your Teachers, and compare them  
 with their fruits, and see whether or no if they be not found  
 in the steps of thole, whom the true Prophets, Christ and his  
 true.

true Ministers declared against *Isaiah* was a true Prophet of the Lord, and he by the Spirit of the Lord, cried against the blind watchmen in his dayes, calling them greedy dumb dogs, which could never have enough, every one looking to his own way, seeking for the gain from his quarter : and he

*Lay 56. 10,*  
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*Lay 55. 1,2.*

makes a Proclamation, saying, Ho, every one that thirsteth come ye to the waters, yea, come ye and eat, buy wine and milk without money, and without price. Now come to the touchstone, and try your Teachers, compare them, and see whether or no they be found in the steps of *Isaiah*, who spoke freely, without a price; or whether or no they be not found in the steps and wayes of those whom *Isaiah* cryes against, who sought gain from their Quarter; are not your Teachers greedy of gain? do they not strive for great benefits, & great sums of mony by the year? will they not leave their own parishioners for a greater Benefice? and will any of them preach without a price? is it not plain, no hire no Priest? be not deceived with a vain hope, for such as you sowe, such must you reap.

*Jer. 5. 30,31.* *Jeremiah* was a true Prophet of God, and he cryed against that horrible filthy thing committed in the Land: The Prophets prophesy falsely, and the Priests bear rule by their means, & the people love to have it so: try if it be not so now, do not your Teachers bear rule over you poor people? and he that hath most means is highest exalted by the blind

*Mica 3. 5,11.* world. Again, *Micah* the Lords prophet cryed against the hireling Priests in his dayes, and the prophets that made the people to err, that bite with their teeth, and cry peace, and he that putteth not into their mouths, they even prepare warr against him: See if it be not so with your Teachers, whilst *Margaret Hambleton* and others put into their mouths, and gave them money, then they spoke peace to her, though she was in a condition of sin, where no peace is.

And now the Lord having opened her eyes, to see their deceits, who for conscience sake cannot uphold them, nor put into their mouths: and so now they manifest themselves by their envy against her, casting out her name as evill: read the marks of the false prophets, and then read your Teachers, and do not willfully close your eyes against plain and pure

pure truth. *Ezekiel* likewise one of the Lords Prophets, declares against the false shepherds in his dayes, that fed upon the fat, and clothed themselves with the wool, but feed not the flock, but scattered the sheep of the Lords pasture: See *Ezek 34.* read all the Chapter. if your Teachers be not found in the steps of those false shepherds: do they not live at ease, and feed upon poor mens labours, taking care for themselves, but scatter the sheep of the Lords pasture, and begets the people into another Image? for if a lamb come amongst them they are ready to devour, and teare the innocent ones; uphold not such, for if ye uphold them, and partake of their Rev. 18. 4. sins, you must partake of their plagues. And as troops of *Hosea 6. 9.* robbers wait for a man, so the company of Priests murder in the way by consent, *Hos. 6. 9.* Try your teachers, and see if they be not guilty of envy, and so of murder; for he *1 John 3. 15.* that hates his brother is a murderer, and no murderer hath eternall life abiding in him.

These and many other examples I might bring out of the Prophets writings, who gave their testimony against the hirelings, and false prophets, and Priests, in the time of the Law. So likewise Jesus Christ declares against those deceitful hypocrites, who had gotten *Moses* and the Prophets words, but were out of the life; and he shewes their marks. They were exalted, and went in long robes, having the cheifest seats in the Assemblies, and the uppermost rooms at Feasts, and loved greetings in the markets, and to be called of men, Master, to whom Christ pronounces many Mat. 23. woes, and said unto his followers, *Be not ye called of men Master, for ye have but one Master, even Christ, and ye are Brethren.* Now try your Teachers, and with the light that Christ hath enlightened you withall; behold, if these marks be not written upon them: are not they exalted above others, and stand praying in their stone houses, (as the proud Pharisees did in their Synagogues) and love greetings in markets, and have the uppermost rooms at Feasts, and are called of men, Master? Is not Christ the same to Heb. 13. 8. day? and do you believe that he justifies those things now, which he cryed wo against then? He saith expressly to his

Mat. 23. 8, 10. his disciples, *Be not ye called of men Master*: But your Teachers are called of men Master, contrary to the command of Christ, so no Ministers of Christ. A Master, and a Minister are different one to the other; the one a ruler over, the other a servant under, but the followers of Christ were not called of men masters. Wee do not read of Master Peter, and Master Paul, nor any other of Christs Ministers, that were called by those Tytles, but servants for Jesus sake: And yet your Parish Masters have got the name of Ministers, but are not in the nature, and so to be denied, and turned away from: likewise Peter and Jude cryed against such as preached for filthy lucre, and loved gifts and rewards; saying, wo unto them, they have gone in the way of Cain, and runn greedily after the error of Balaam, for

Jude 11 verse. gifts and rewards. And Paul speaks of such devouring Acts 20. 29. wolves that should not spare the flock, and writes to Timothy

1 Tim. 6. 8, 9, 10, 11. to beware, and fly such things as filthy lucre, and the love of mony, for it is the root of all evill. So consider of these things, and try your Teachers by these Scriptures, and see if they be not in a high measure guilty of these things: do not they love money, which is the root of all evill? and from this wicked root a great deale of cursed branches do spring, and arise, as envy, and wrath, pride, and vain glory, and so as Christ hath laid, *By their fruits ye shall know them*:

Mar. 7. 20. though they be decked with the sheeps clothing, the good words of the holy men of God, yet by their fruits they are known, for no man can gather grapes of thornes, nor figgs of thistles: wheresoever envy is, it is a mark of Cain; and where wrath and malice is, they are the wolves marks:

2 Tim. 3. 1, 2, 3, works they are known; likewise Paul in his Epistle to Timothy 4. 5, 6, 7, 8, &c. marks out the deceivers so plain, that even he that runs may read, They shall be lovers of themselves, covetous, proud boasters, incontinent, fierce despisers of those that are good, lovers of pleasures, more then lovers of God; having a form of godlynesse, but denying the power, from such turn a way. And we in the light of the Lord seeing these things amongst your Presbytery, (and called Ministers)

sters) we owning the true Prophets, Christ and the \* Their ~~east~~  
Apostles testimony; do deny,\* and turn from such, as they ing out of  
the true Messengers of God, denied and testified against. <sup>Margaret Ham-</sup>  
<sup>bleton is need-</sup>  
esse; For she hath (in the Power of God) denied them, and turned away from  
them, according to the doctrine of the Apostle.

And as for the Ordinances, We declare, that all the Ordinances of  
Jesus Christ, which are durable, pure, spiritual, and substantial,  
which tends to purity, and edification of the body, we own, and pra-  
ctise: as preaching, and praying, as the Holy Spirit doth move and  
give utterance: and singing with the Spirit, & with understanding, ac-  
cording to Scripture, we own: But those fading elementary shadows,  
which Christ hath put an end to, we do not practise, *Col. 2.14, 20, 21, 22.*  
But as for thole things which your Teachers calls Ordinances, (for  
which they have no example in the Scriptures) we do deny: as  
their great stone houses, which are built with mens hands, which  
you ignorantly do call Churches; for God that made the world,  
and all things therein, dwelleth not in Temples made with hands.  
Christ Jesus put an end of Temple worship outwardly, and now is  
worshipped in Spirit, & the bodies of his Saints are his Temple, as the  
Scripture declares, *2 Cor. 3.16, 17.* So likewise the things & practises in  
thole Idoll Temples we deny, as their pulpit, their standing praying  
(pharesy like) before and after their called Sermons; their singing of  
*Davids* experiences in meeter; As O Lord I am not pust in mind, I  
have no scouful eye, &c. When people are so high and scornful,  
they can scarce look one upon another, and so caufes the people to  
sing lyes, and call God to witnessse; such singing without understan-  
ding we do deny; likewise their sprinkling of infants, for which  
theire have no example in the Scriptures, we do deny: Their taking  
a part of Scripture and adding to it their humane inventions, calling  
it the word of the Lord, which is biijt a divinatyon of their own brain;  
likewise their hourglafs, as the Papist use to say masse by, and limiting  
themselfes to a time, which none of the Holy men of God ever did,  
and therefore these their called Ordinances, we do in the power of  
God deny: as likewise their carnall and man-made-ministry, their  
preaching for hire and filthy lucre: their Tythes, yearly set stipends,  
and forced maintenance, Augmentations, gleab lands; and all such  
Popish stufte, and Jewish rites we do deny; and against such things  
do testify; and all proud, covetous, and envious men, we deny, and  
turne away from such, being out of Gods Councill, and so do nor,  
nor cannot prophet the people at all, but leads them captive in an  
empty and dead form, laden with sin, and led away with divers  
lusts, ever learning, but never able to come to the true knowledge  
of God, as the fruits of the Ministry of *Scotland* sadly make manifest;  
who are all excommunicated from it (the lise) from the true Church,  
and true Ministry.

*Ephes. 4. 4,  
5, 6.*  
*Acts 2. 4.*  
*Rom. 4. 15.*

*Acts 17. 24,  
25.*  
*1 Thes. 1. 1.*  
*John 4. 21,  
22, 23.*

*2 Pet. 1. 20,  
21.*

*Gal. 1. J. 1, 12.*  
*Mat. 10. 8.*

*2 Tim. 3.*

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And whereas your Parish Masters, out of their envy and malice, have cast out Marg. Hamb. yet not being found guilty of any evil done, but for Truth, and its Testimony she shall not be left desolate, but Jesus the true Shepherd will take care for her, and feed her upon the tops of the mountaines ; and if were well for you and your Teachers to begin at home and pull the bosome out of your own eyes, let them pluck up the briars and thornes, and those gross weeds, that are sprung so high above the pale seed ; and as for the rares (that are so like the wheat) let both grow together until the harvest ; let them cast out all loves of money, all covetous ones, and all proud, and lusty ones, and all drunkards, and swearer, whoremongers, and adulterers, and all scoffers and scoundrels, and light vain wanton ones, and liars, and all cozeners, and cheaters, and stoners, and strikers, and persecutors, and all envious wrathful and malicious ones, and such like workers of iniquity, and then judge ye, how many they will leave behind, to make up their Church, and assure your selves, all such as above mentioned, who live in the lusts of the flesh, must be cast out from the pure God, and his Holy City, for the unrighteous cannot enter into the kingdom of God, as you may read, 1 Cor. 6.9,10. Gal. 5.10,20,21. R v.21.8. Thus much for the denyall of your Presbytery, and their power who be found in those wayes and practices above mentioned, and their imitated and invented Ordinances : and as for their third charge that she will not forsake the company of Seducers and Heretics, I say your calling them Seducers and Heretics, doth not make, nor prove them so, no more then (their Brethren in envy and persecution) the chiefe Priests formerly their calling Christ a blasphemer, and the Apostles deceivers, did make or prove them so to be : But this hath bin the subtilty of the serpent, and of the false prophets, and deceivers (in whom he rules) the better to cloak and and cover their deceit, they cry out against deceivers, but their lies & slanders doth not touch the innocent, for those whom your teachers do call Seducers, we the servants of the most high God and in that way you which call Heresy, so worship we the God of our Fathers, owning and believing all things declared by the holy Prophets, Christ and his Apostles, waiting for the redemption of the promised Seed ; Those be the deceivers and seducers, which drawes people from the anointing and light withiu, for the pure, the Sons of God, who are led and guided by the spirit of God : and to this must all come to be led by, if ever you be led in the way of God ; for nothing can guide and lead in Gods way, but that which comes from God, and the manifestation of the spirit is given to every man to profit withall. Therefore all people cease from the hirelings, who preach for the price, and turn to the Lord, who teacheth his people freely: mind his call, who saith, Come unto me, take my yoke upon you, and learn of me, I am meek and lowly in spirit, and you shall find rest to your Souls.

1 Pet. 4. 13,  
14,15.  
Ezek. 34.  
Mat. 5.5.  
Heb.5.8:

Mat. 13.25,31.

Rom. 1. 28,  
29,30,31,32.

Act 5.23.22.

Eph.6.16.

Act 24.14.

1 John 2.26.

1 Joh 2.20,27.

Rom.8.

1 Cor.2.11.

1 Cor.10.7

Ia.2.20.

Ia.5.41ff. 2

Mat.11.28,29.

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